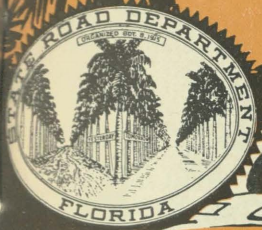


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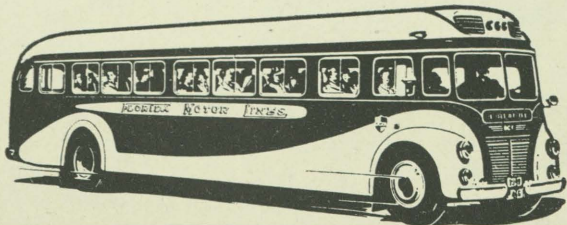
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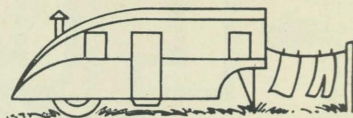
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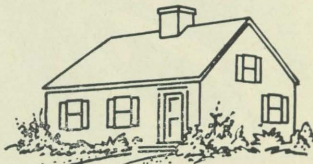
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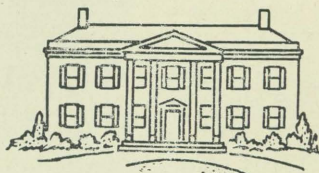
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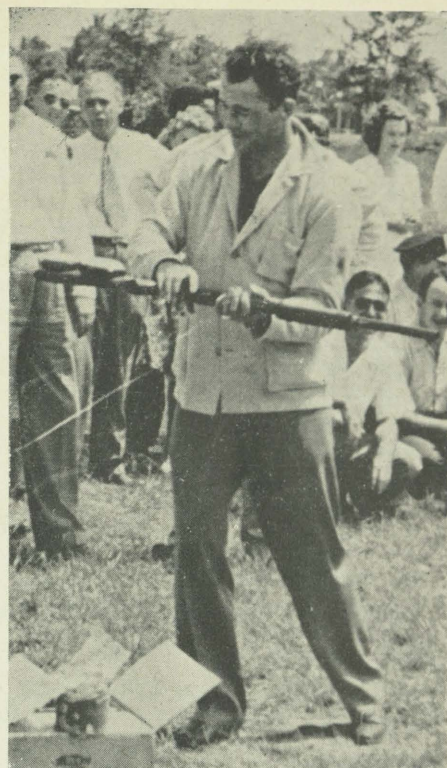
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Agent Delph A. Bryce, in charge of the El Paso, Texas, Federal Bureau of Investigation office, demonstrates expert marksmanship to assembled delegates at the Florida Peace Officers Association at West Palm Beach.

Photo by Florida State Police Reporter.

House Expected to Act On Road Bill Immediately

Representative J. W. Robinson (D., Utah) chairman of the house roads committee, expects congressional action on H. R. 4915, the post-war Federal-aid highway bill, immediately following termination of the current recess.

Just before the solons left Washington to attend the national convention of their respective parties, and perhaps to do a little political fence mending, Chairman Robinson said in part:

"In view of the urgency of the legislation, and considering the long delays which necessarily have been involved in the drafting of a suitable bill, it had been my hope that H. R. 4915, carrying unanimous committee approval, would reach the floor of the house for consideration prior to our recess. Unfortunately, it appears, this was not possible, due to the crowded calendar."

Mr. Robinson added that he has been in consultation with house leaders and has their definite assurance "that the bill can be taken up quickly after this body has reassembled following the recess."

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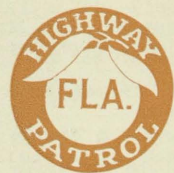
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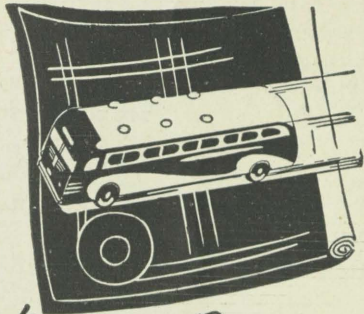


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EDITORIALS

TAKE FEDERAL FUNDS WITHOUT APOLOGY

THERE IS NO reason why the residents of Florida or of any other State should develop an inferiority complex when accepting Federal funds.

It has been said that a State or smaller unit of government should not kick when Federal money comes with strings attached and then go to Washington with "hat in hand" asking for more hand-outs. This is nonsense of the most absurd kind. Whose money is it, anyway?

The "hat in hand" theory can be based upon nothing but the error that Federal money belongs to Federal officials. It does not. They did not earn it. They are merely the custodians of it. It was earned by the people of the United States who are engaged in useful pursuits.

It so happens that Florida contributes its share of Federal funds and this gives more force to the right of this State to participate in any division of Federal assets without apology to anyone. This is not, however, the only basis upon which our right to Federal money can be sustained. In fact, a stronger argument is that redistribution to areas where wealth is created is reasonable and fair even though the funds sent back may exceed the sums collected there in taxes.

Wealth is created in a forest area, for example, even though tax payments from the people residing there may be meagre. The wealth that flows from logging and sawmilling tends to concentrate in cities. This is true, within our own State, and it is true, as between regions—so that wealth created in Florida tends to concentrate in New York and Hartford. Experience shows that the outlying regions, where raw materials are produced, are left without the means to provide roads, health facilities, schools and law enforcement. This is the justification for syphoning off some of the concentrated money and sending it back to keep things going on the economic frontiers.

This is not only humane but also good business. Without roads and reasonably good health conditions, the economic frontiers would dry up and cease to support the cities. Without schools the rural areas would not be able to continue the flow of fresh, ambitious young men and women to the cities—a flow which has built the cities and kept them growing.

The question of large Federal allocations will soon be presented again. After the war the Federal government will make available sums probably running to several billion dollars for public works and employment. The purpose of this distribution of funds will be to create jobs and sustain the economy of the Nation and all the States through the period of post-war readjustment. The purpose is not to change the manners, customs or traditions of any State or county; it is not to change our national traditions

or our system of government; it is not to force the arbitrary ideas of any individual or group in Washington upon the unwilling citizens of any area.

The sum collected and redistributed should be so managed that it will serve the purpose for which designed and no other. It should be no larger than necessary. Remember, this is our money; we have a right to it. We should not seek more than we need because it will come from our own pockets—especially in Florida where tax payments run high. We should go after our rightful share up to the amount we have a real need for, but no more. In accepting it we should not apologize to anyone.

When a partner takes his share of distributed assets of a business he does not suffer from an inferiority complex. Nor should we.

The 48 States of the Union are partners in the national enterprise. If these 48 States were 48 individuals who had hired an office staff, no one would expect any one of them or all of them to be highbatted by their employees. If the partnership should decide to split up some money among the partners, it would be decidedly in poor taste for any of the hired help to accuse them of coming to the company office "with hat in hand" when they arrived to receive their rightful share of the funds.

Where does this idea come from, anyway, that Washington officialdom has any money of its own or any right to tilt noses when the States line up to get what is coming to them from what they put into the pot out of their own resources and earnings? Washington creates no wealth. Washington owns nothing. Washington is simply our company office and is peopled by our employees.

Let's get that straight and keep it straight.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

LAW ENFORCEMENT has been carried on in Florida under war conditions so successfully that we feel that the people of the State owe a debt of gratitude to the officers and officials responsible.

The war did not come to our shores in the shape of an invading army but the war did reach in and take away many trained officers, from patrolmen to department heads. War also filled our State with an exceptional number of temporary residents some of whom were unruly in civilian life and many of whom relaxed their normal disciplines when they found themselves far from their homes and neighbors. War also brought new problems to the peace officers in the manifold and complex relations between civilian and military authorities. These war needs were met in Florida. Our officers have done a good job. They deserve more than a pat on the back. Let's give them that, anyway.

Two agencies have helped peace officers maintain law and order during this trying period: The Florida State Guard and the Auxiliary Police.



Florida Peace Officers Association meets at West Palm Beach. Top, crowd gathering for barbecue and pistol matches. Center, banquet scene—State Treasurer Ed Larson confers with Major Gen. Albert H. Blanding in right foreground; Governor-elect Millard Caldwell is seated in front of vase of flowers at right side of table. Bottom, group at barbecue.

Photos by Florida State Police Reporter.

Peace Officers Look To Future . . .

By JOHN ELMORE

Florida Police Reporter

HOW FLORIDA'S next governor will approach the vital question of law enforcement was made abundantly clear to all who heard the banquet address delivered by the Hon. Millard F. Caldwell during the fifteenth annual convention of the Florida Peace Officers Association in West Palm Beach Aug. 2, 3 and 4.

On the same occasion Senator Claude Pepper stirred the audience with an eloquent appeal for public support for an association of nations to maintain world peace.

A convention program, completely in tune with the times had been arranged, with better law

enforcement as its keynote. Speakers of State and national prominence discussed various phases of this theme. Particularly emphasized was the necessity of closer cooperation between various law enforcement agencies in order to cope successfully with present problems and those that loom ahead.

Mr. Caldwell, in his banquet address got down to brass tacks right at the start and when he had finished nobody present was in doubt as to his views on law enforcement or had any fears of executive interference in local affairs during the next administration, when it can be avoided.

"A few months from now I hope we shall be working together, and it is well for us to begin exchange-

ing views—frankly and honestly—so that we may understand each other when that time comes," he said.

"It is my opinion that each community, each county and each State enjoys the kind of government it deserves—the kind it wants. I mean by this that the people of each unit of government have it in their power to elect officials who will carry out their wishes. If they should make a mistake, if they should elect to office the wrong official or groups of officials, through an error in judgment, they have remedies at their command. This does not mean that 'wishful thinking' will work miracles overnight, but it does mean that American citizens can do just about what they want



Scene at speakers table at the Florida Peace Officers Association convention banquet at West Palm Beach. Left to right, Col. Robert Milburn, United States Senator Claude Pepper, Governor-elect Millard Caldwell, State Prison Superintendent L. F. Chapman, and W. H. Robinton of Gainesville, association secretary.

Photos by Florida State Police Reporter.

to do when they have the determination to do it.

"Taking a serious view of the responsibilities that will rest upon me when I take office, I am anxious to do a good job as your governor. I am conscious of the fact that as governor I will become chief magistrate of the State, charged with the constitutional duties related to the enforcement of the law.

"The constitution gives to the governor certain broad powers and imposes upon him certain responsibilities. I am aware of the obligation to use these powers cautiously and wisely and within the limitations placed upon the authority of the governor, not only by the constitution but also by the traditions of the people and by practical necessity."

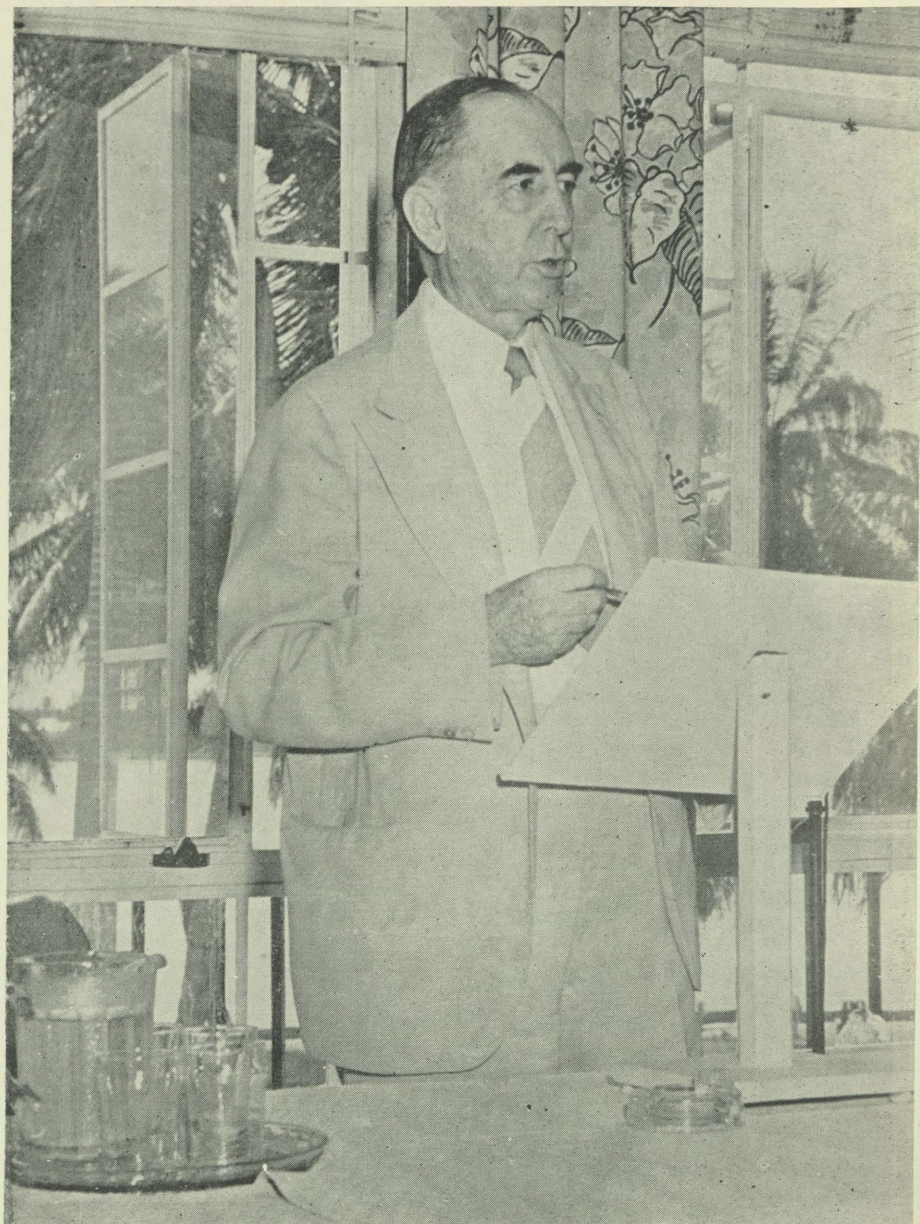
Continuing, Mr. Caldwell enumerated some of the handicaps under which peace officers are working, due to war conditions, but gave them credit for "a job generally well done." He admitted, however, that it is not within the power of the officers of any unit of government to enforce the laws completely.

Commenting on the lack of friction between Army and Navy authorities and civil law enforcement officers in Florida, the next governor expressed the hope and expectation "that we may be able to move forward along the same lines" during the coming administration.

"Considering situations that in the light of experience may be expected to arise in the future, we may anticipate that complaints will be made from time to time touching the status of law enforcement in one or the other of the communities of the State," Mr. Caldwell said. "Officers and the public are interested in how each new governor will approach this subject.

"In my opinion, the constitution places first responsibility upon the law enforcement officer himself and the second upon the citizens of the community. The responsibility of the governor, as I see it, is third and last in order.

"The citizens of the several municipalities and counties do not ex-



Major General Albert H. Blanding of the State Defense Council addresses the Florida Peace Officers Association banquet. General Blanding commanded a brigade in France in World War I and was head of the National Guard Bureau at Washington for several years.

Photo by Florida State Police Reporter.

pect the governor to do their work for them. They bear the first responsibility and it is up to them to act whenever and in what way they think best to remedy conditions that make for lawlessness.

"There are several reasons, in addition to the fact that the constitution gives to the citizens this duty and responsibility, why local handling of such matters is best. The governor cannot be as well informed of local conditions as are the people who live in the locality. The citizens have plenty of time to consider all the facts. A grand jury can devote days to

an inquiry and get a much clearer picture than the governor can get at a hearing of a few hours. Finally, it is the American way of handling things.

"I am wedded to the theory of local self-government because I feel that it has been a cornerstone of the establishment and development of this Nation and State.

"I feel keenly the fact, that over a period of years, the trend has been away from community and county to the State and from the State to the Federal government. I am particularly anxious to stem

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Map Orange Blossom Trail Plans . . .

By BEN F. FIELD

STRESSING THE imminence of the end of the war and need for Florida to be prepared for the greatest crowds of visitors the State ever has had, members of the Orange Blossom Trail Association in session at Avon Park on August 9 voted to spend from \$7,500 to \$10,000 per year, beginning now, to bring those visitors down the highways of central Florida.

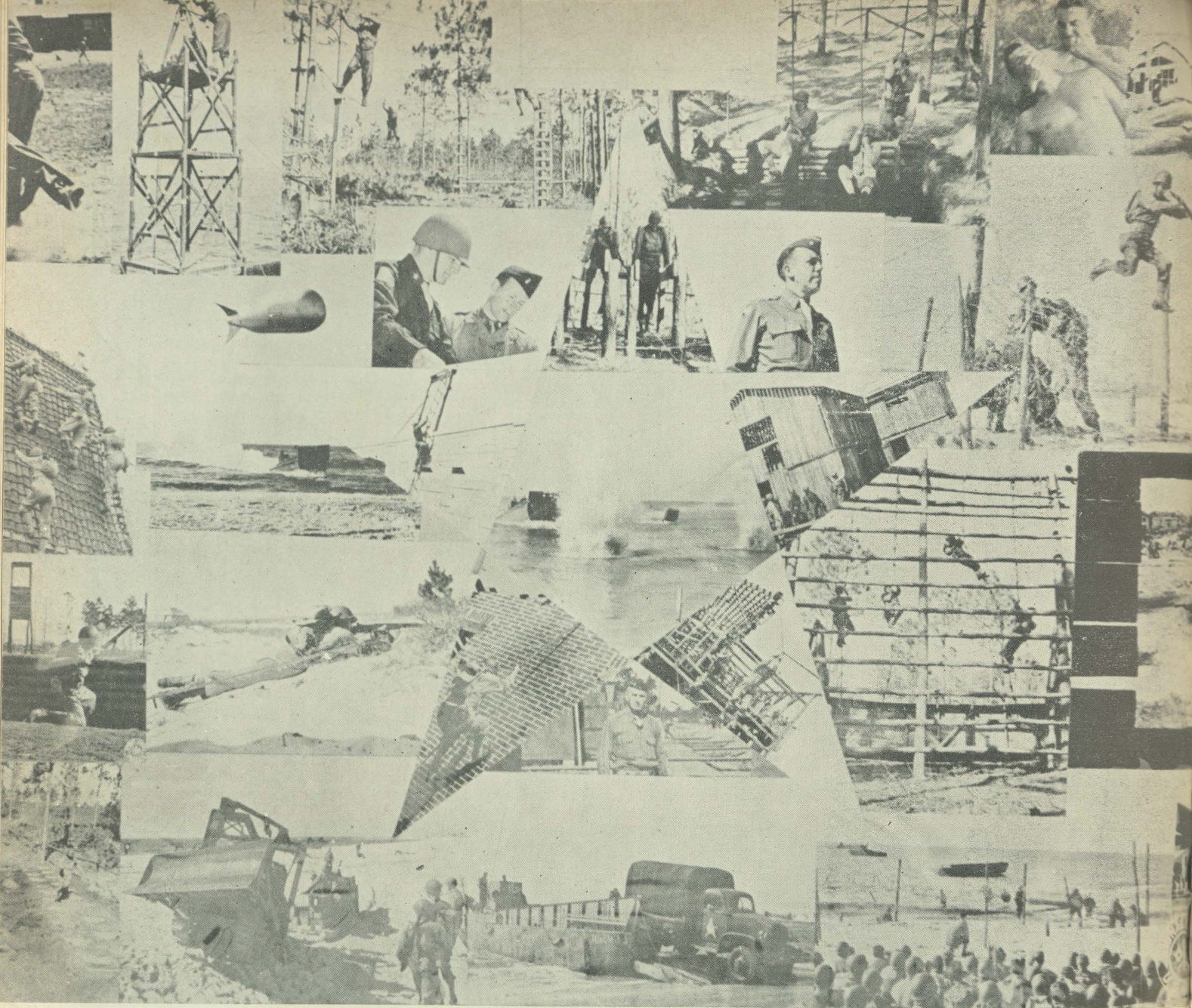
The Avon Park meeting, inspired by a committee session of the Scenic Highlanders at Silver Springs several weeks before was attended by more than 50 legislators, State Road Department officials, civic leaders and chamber of commerce officials, representing communities along the Orange

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W. M. Davidson, Silver Springs; Chas. E. Lanier, president of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce; A. C. Slaughter, president of the association and secretary of the Orlando Chamber of Commerce; Robert Dewell of Haines City, president of the Scenic Highlanders, at the Orange Blossom Trail Association meeting at Avon Park.



Orange Blossom Trail delegates, standing against the Trail as a background are, M. M. Eberi, Lake Wales; Lloyd Gahr, Orlando; Ralph Arey, Lake County Chamber of Commerce; H. C. Brown, Clermont; Mrs. Wilma March, Leesburg; O. C. Wilkes, Haden Park; John Spencer, Haines City; O. A. Brice, Lake Wales; Buell Duncan, Orlando; Fred E. Kunkel, Lake Wales; S. D. Edge, Groveland; S. Thayer, Avon Park; Fred Ward, Winter Park.



Camp Gordon Johnston was, and is, no "mollycoddle farm" and it was there that many boys who stormed the shores of Sicily, Italy and France learned to take it. Conditions such as those in the Mediterranean and English Channel landings were simulated and the men actually made landings on the Gulf swept coast and islands under conditions like those later encountered overseas. Many of the training activities at Camp Gordon Johnston were military secrets until after the invasion of Sicily and Italy where the tactics practiced at the Florida post were put into use. Training included practice in overcoming obstacles such as shown above where a burning sea has been simulated, in landing as shown at the lower left and at the lower right. They make 'em tough at Camp Gordon Johnston where they even get on friendly terms with the snakes from the swamps and titi jungles.

They Went From Here . . .

CAMP GORDON JOHNSTON has been something of a mystery to the general public. But equally mysterious have been the War Department's plans for a second front—and for the same reason.

Camp Gordon Johnston covers an area of 165,000 acres on St. James Island in the southwest corner of Franklin County. The

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Public Relations Officer
Camp Gordon Johnston

reservation is roughly triangular in shape with its base extending 21 miles along the Gulf of Mexico.

Twenty-six miles northwest of Apalachicola, Carrabelle—for which the camp was originally

named—lies within the reservation at the approximate midpoint on the coast between the area's eastern and western boundaries.

Included in the reservation and extensively used in training are Dog Island and St. George Island, uninhabited, approximately four miles from the mainland.

The camp slopes inland from St.

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IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA . . .

DIANN RIMES, two-year-old daughter of Pvt. and Mrs. Earl A. Rimes of LIMONA, was bitten by a ground rattlesnake.

★ **Stelios Haritakis**, hero of the Greek fight against the Nazi invaders flew from Johannesburg, South Africa, to MIAMI for a pair of artificial legs.

★ Mrs. W. S. Jennings christened the Liberty Ship W. S. Jennings, named in honor of Florida's former governor at the launching in JACKSONVILLE.

★ Cpl. Baptiste Formaconi and Pfc. Cornelius J. Britt of Page Field, rescued two young women, Miss Eleanor Carter of Damascus, Md., and Miss Barbara Hoffman of Wyandott, Mich., from drowning at FORT MYERS beach. Miss Hoffman was given artificial respiration and was afterwards placed in an iron lung to aid recovery.

★ "Whiskers," fox terrier pet of 13-year-old Jo Ann Cowles kept a lonely vigil for his young mistress who was missing from her St. PETERSBURG home.

★ A LAKE WORTH merchant discovered that OPA restrictions are wide open on hearses so he bought one and had no trouble getting gasoline for it to transport his family and their baggage to his summer home in North Carolina.

★ Mrs. Jean Rankin drowned in four or five inches of water in a basin in her KEY WEST room. She apparently was overcome by a dose of medicine and let her face fall into the basin.

★ OPA levied a fine on the Federal Maritime Commission, claiming overcharges for sandwiches at the shipyard cafeteria in TAMPA.

★ State Highway Patrolman J. M. Richburg was recovering from injuries received when his motorcycle skidded from under him at ST. PETERSBURG.

★ "Willie" the gator who has made his home in Lake Lily at MAITLAND was declared officially dead when residents of the area, bothered by his marauding lured him from his watery lair and shot him. "Willie" was reported erroneously to have been eaten previously by students of a jungle survival course at AFFTAC.

★ Hugh Moore, 6, exploded a .22 rifle cartridge against a rock and a fragment hit him in the left eye. William Bennett, 2, walked into a trash fire and was painfully burned. Both at TAMPA in one day.

★ Marie Moyer, 14, rescued Mrs. S. E. Simpson from drowning at St. Pe-

tersburg, Harold Goldberg, 18, administered artificial respiration and Mrs. Simpson was treated at Mound Park hospital in ST. PETERSBURG.

★ Ed Ballou, Jr., fishing with live bait, caught a 90-pound tarpon near PENSACOLA Bay bridge.

★ Three soldiers of Tyndall Field brought down a marauding 600-pound wild hog with carbines and submachine guns.

★ Madeline M. Fite of MIAMI, took the oath as a WAC recruit from her father, Col. John M. Fite.

★ Benjamin F. Mapp, 58, played a MIAMI slot machine until he finally hit the jackpot. The owner refused to pay off. Mapp went home, got a hammer, battered the machine, was ordered to court on a charge of being drunk and of malicious mischief.

★ Corp. Tommy Needham and Ronald Halgrim saw from a window in a FORT MYERS hotel a man stealing Halgrim's car. Corp. Needham rented a CAP plane, located the car. It was recovered with one flat tire.

★ Betty Louise Hollman, 14 months, of PENSACOLA, was made seriously ill from drinking kerosene.

★ T/4 George A. Cottom and Cpl. Harold Thompson of Camp Gordon Johnston, fishing in the mouth of Crooked River, hooked a shark which made off with the hook, line and sinker. Next night they went fishing again in the same waters, hooked and landed the same shark with lost tackle intact.

★ Meanest thief in JACKSONVILLE took lumber from the site of the orphanage being built at Little Pottsbury Creek in Jacksonville by the Baptist Home for Children.

★ Edward Watts, 72, Army Transportation Corps, lost his right leg in a coil of deckline at Fort Barrancas, PENSACOLA.

★ A 10-year-old negro boy, Tommy Scott, is charged at KEY WEST with beating to death his playmate, Sammy McAllister, 6, with a rod of iron.

★ "Tarzan," a young dog owned by Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrison of NEW PORT RICHEY, was given to a 13-year-old TAMPA boy but came home 40 miles a few days later.

★ CLEARWATER police department bought a lie detector.

★ Republican candidates are in the race for all PINELLAS County offices.

★ "Bismark," German shepherd, untrained so that he will obey civilians,

received an honorable discharge from the K-9 service and was returned to his owner, Capt. David G. Anderson of MacDill Field, TAMPA.

★ A ship brought 936 laborers from Honduras to TAMPA to help solve the manpower shortage by working in forests.

★ The army, after all, may not want Willie White, 35 and black, WINTER HAVEN, when they see how many scars he has. Willie got into a crap game argument several years ago with Mexicans in NEW MEXICO, was shot 32 times with .32 and .38 pistols, once with a load of buckshot and stabbed with a dagger.

★ At TAMPA a MacDill Field soldier sought divorce from his 19-year-old wife because she wants to finish high school instead of living with him, and a shipyard guard sought divorce from his wife because she takes all his pay but 75 cents a week although she has an independent income of \$520 a month.

★ A safe weighing 35 pounds and containing checks and \$366 in cash was stolen from a dairy office in MIAMI.

★ Alfred Humphrey of WINTER GARDEN, feels old at 29 because he has 19 brothers and sisters younger than himself—the youngest sister is three months old, and there have been no multiple births.

★ At TAMPA Mrs. Ann Ambra, 19, was arrested charged with taking allotment checks from more than one husband. U. S. officials claim she married in Apalachicola at 13, three years later married a soldier at Carabelle and two years after that married another soldier at Monticello, receiving and cashing allotment checks from both.

★ Several tombstones were knocked down in the city cemetery when a city bus failed to make the turn at a dead-end street in TALLAHASSEE.

★ Emmett Aides, 11, of MIAMI, was struck by a fragment of brass-covered bullet as he stood under a mango tree at his home.

★ An aerial pony express shipment consisted of Pinto, sent by air from MIAMI by "expreso aero Inter-Americano" plane for the son of an oil company official in Cuba.

★ Frank Yuan shot a small animal near his chicken coop, thinking it was a 'possum. The intruder was identified as an armadillo.

★ Doris Stevens, 18 months, fell 30 feet from a second story window in her TAMPA home, was unhurt.

In two years, from April 18, 1942 to April 18, 1944, the U. S. military forces have increased from 3,000,000 men to 11,000,000 men and women while the working population has increased only slightly from 51,400,000 to 51,500,000.

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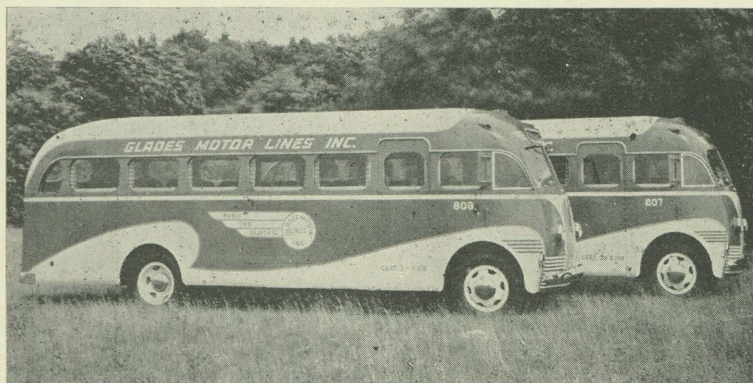
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County Activities and Personalities . . .

THE FOLLOWING District directors were named for the current year by the State Association of County Commissioners:

District No. 1—E. M. Fowler and D. G. Cooke.

District No. 2—T. D. McCracken and W. C. Roche.

District No. 3—W. C. White and J. V. McCall.

District No. 4—J. F. Ferreira and W. W. Felton.

District No. 5—Elam Blank and Bee Borland.

District No. 6—John T. Knight and S. H. Bockett.

District No. 7—N. B. Jackson and H. M. Stringfellow.

District No. 8—A. A. Poston and F. C. Fox.

The following committees were appointed by President Hammond of the State County Commissioners Association:

Resolutions—F. E. Owens, chairman, T. C. McCoy, W. H. Fletcher, A. E. Sims and John Ferreira.

Nomination—Harry M. Stringfellow, chairman, Dixon V. Herring, G. E. Lawrence, C. D. Adler and H. K. Jackson.

Finance—Orville Harriss, chairman, W. Howard Belote and J. Bruce Mofert.

Legislation—A. A. Poston, chairman, Tom Marshall, S. C. Fox and W. R. Connell.

■ HILLSBOROUGH County board has granted license to city of Tampa to build a dam on the old Tampa Electric Co. site on Hillsborough River.

■ Deluxe radio-equipped sedan was bought by DADE County board for Road Superintendent J. H. Gamble.

■ Plant City Courier raised secession cry over proposal to build new HILLSBOROUGH County courthouse. Tampa Tribune felt this attitude most unfortunate. Meanwhile debate rages over where to put new courthouse and how many stories high to build it. Board levied two mills to start post-war construction fund.

■ Records in MANATEE County courthouse show half the land area of the county is now under oil lease.

■ Architect is working on plans to enlarge and improve PINELLAS County courthouse, probably to include an elevator.

■ Angus Williams, appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mayor Curtis Hixon who resigned to take on his new duties, resigned from HILLSBOROUGH County commission, effective October 1, requesting Governor Holland to appoint F. Frank Bullard, nominee for the post.

■ A surplus will be carried over of \$125,000 and a slight millage reduction

has been arranged for MARION County.

■ Insurance check for \$1,000 paid for damage to Terry Park grandstand by fire was received by LEE County board.

■ County Judge Jack White of PINELLAS County, was elected president of the County Judges Association of Florida at their annual convention at Jacksonville. Judge Archie Buie, COLUMBIA County, was elected secretary and Judge Boyd Anderson, BROWARD County, treasurer. Directors are Frank Blanton, DADE; Klein McDonald, HOLMES; Otis Cobb, INDIAN RIVER; John Hearn, SUWANNEE; Causey Green, PUTNAM; Sam Murphy, MANATEE.

■ Highway tolls on the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District in MONROE County are running about \$5,000 a month over last year's. Last month the road was used by 4,428 cars with 33,693 passengers.

■ Surpluses in ESCAMBIA County tills include a carry-over in the school fund of \$73,527 and a total surplus in six county funds of \$50,250.

■ James E. Lopez has been named clerk of the civil and criminal courts of record for DUVAL County, succeeding John D. Baker, resigned. C. A. Hartley is the nominee.

■ Six officials of CITRUS County drove in one car to Topeka, Kans., to testify before the grand jury which indicted officials of the Crummer Company, and the ODT declared that gasoline was not authorized for the trip.

■ A special primary is set in VOLUSIA County Sept. 19 to nominate a justice of the peace on account of the death of Justice Charles Beers after the first primary in which he was unopposed.

■ Budget for DUVAL County shows an increase of \$50,000, or the return from one-fourth of a mill, to \$2,280,000.

■ Balances in PINELLAS County funds reached a record high water mark of \$439,000.

■ City of DeLand officials protested to the VOLUSIA County board because no road funds were returned to the city.

■ Two-way radios were authorized for the sheriff's cars by the ESCAMBIA County commission.

■ OSCEOLA County Cattleman's Association asked board to tighten up on marks and brands inspection.

■ Deadlock over health funds was broken when ESCAMBIA board voted to turn over funds to State Board of Health for health unit work.

■ A tract of 882 acres on the St. Johns River will be condemned by BRE-

VARD commissioners for park and recreation use.

■ PINELLAS commissioners approve new bridge to historic Weedon's Island, which has been sought by a corporation headed by L. W. Baynard.

■ Face lifting in the form of paint, Venetian blinds, plastering and some insulation was authorized by board for PALM BEACH County courthouse.

■ As DADE County establishes a coordinating committee on post-war plans, PALM BEACH County leaves its committee out of the new budget.

■ A special primary has been called in SARASOTA County Sept. 12 to nominate a successor to the late Charles G. Strohmeier.

■ ST. LUCIE COUNTY has appointed a recreation committee.

■ Heirs of Graham Osteen gave an acre of ground to GILCHRIST County for a Donnie Precinct voting place.

■ Special primary will be held Sept. 5 in HARDEE County to nominate a candidate in the place of the nominee, the late Mike Peterson of Nocatee.

■ County commissioners of BROWARD found the Haven of Rest operated in a most satisfactory manner.

■ Moral support was given by PINELLAS County to the city of ST. PETERSBURG in the purchase of the Bee Line ferry franchise.

■ Without increasing millage LEON commissioners set up \$17,000 for post-war road building.

Accredited Departments Of Chemical Engineering

In the July issue of Florida Highways, the statement was made that the chemical engineering department of the University of Florida is the only one among the five Southeastern States east of the Mississippi River, except for Georgia, which has been approved by the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. This statement has been misunderstood as applying to the entire area south of Washington. The statement, taken from another source, applies to five States only—Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

Approved chemical engineering departments in the Southern States east of the Mississippi are those of the University of Florida, Georgia School of Technology, Louisiana State University, University of Louisville, University of Tennessee, University of Virginia and Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

All departments of the College of Engineering at the University of Florida are approved by the accrediting agencies.

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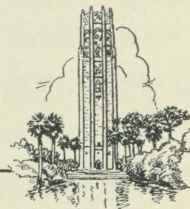


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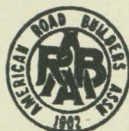
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Teachers First

FLORIDA'S HOUSE members in their caucus in Tampa were unanimous on one feature of the program for the 1945 session—increased pay for teachers. There wasn't the slightest disagreement on that point. The decision was put into a resolution, not only unanimously adopted but signed by each representative present—an irrevocable pledge. The resolution declared that "priority be given to consideration of an emergency appropriation for public schools for the school year beginning July 1, 1944 of not less than \$950"—meaning per teacher unit. Speaker Simpson explained that the resolution does not limit the appropriation to \$950 but that more can be given if the money is available. "It commits us to provide at least \$950," he said.

There was no such positive declaration on the subject of old age pensions, but the members expressed their willingness to "take care of the old people." No priority was voted on this legislation, although there was evident agreement to match Federal old-age allotments.

The representatives were harmoniously inclined, and no controversies occurred during the caucus. Without opposition, Evans Crary of Stuart, a native of Hillsborough County, was chosen for speaker. Five men were voted for in the selection of a speaker pro tem, and on the third ballot the honor went to J. Min Ayers of Trenton, young publisher of a weekly newspaper.

The social and entertainment features of the meeting were pronounced delightful by the visitors, thanks to the excellent arrangements made by the Hillsborough delegation, Senator Sheldon and Representatives McMullen, Martin and McDonald. Everybody had a good time—a good Tampa time—which so pleased the lawmakers that they eagerly accepted an invitation to have another get-together in Miami in September and October.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

And Not One Bean Was Lost

FROM ZELLWOOD and Orlando comes a heartening bit of farm news.

Zellwood, a proud resort for the rich in the lush boom days of the early 1880s, lapsed into a peaceful, drowsy countryside after the freeze of 1885 and the pushing of the railhead on south to Tampa. Now that war has brought a dehydrating plant to Zell-

wood, owners suddenly realized they had wonderful farming soil and planted enormous acreages.

Recently the dehydrating plant rejected the string beans from 200 acres, as it was already operating to capacity. The owner decided not to pick them.

And that's where R. P. Howard, area supervisor, War Food Administration stepped in. The home canning centers were prepared in Orlando. News stories sent hundred of families into the field to pick the free beans. And a farmer across the road added to the food holiday by selling potatoes for a dollar a bushel, already dug.

Many an Orlando pantry now sags with filled cans and jars.

Zellwood is the same enterprising community that recently saved through similar methods the unmarketable peaches from a 200-acre orchard.—St. Petersburg Times.

Such Is Fame

THERE'S BEEN a lot of kidding about the globe-girdling travels of Mrs. Roosevelt, wife of the president, and there seems to be a question now as to which of the two is better known over the earth. The following story along this line is credited to Senator Chavez of New Mexico:

"Roosevelt, Churchill and Chiang Kai Shek were driving through the streets of Cairo during the period of their recent conferences. People in the doorways as they passed kept pointing at the president and shouting. Secret service men, detailed to guard the president, became apprehensive at this continued attention. Finally they consulted an interpreter, who explained that the people were shouting: 'that's her husband, that's her husband.'"—Arcadia Arcadian

Planning Water Conservation

THERE IS an increased awakening in Florida to the important problems of soil conservation and water control. While some of us have presumed there was land to waste, the facts are that good soil is being depleted and poor land made poorer because of neglect and misunderstanding.

The eyes of many Floridians have been opened by the accounts of over-drainage of the Everglades, dwindling municipal water supplies and the lowering of lakes in the Ridge section to the detriment of grove irrigation and wildlife. Moreover, in Pinellas County irrigation wells have turned salty from overpumping, and some good

groves have been almost ruined by use of salty water. Numerous groups in all areas of the State are agreed there must be a constructive attack against these serious problems.

Unfortunately, there is not enough unanimity of thought or action. Some individuals and groups hesitate because they don't know where and how to get started. In this connection, it is noteworthy that Pinellas County farmers and growers have organized a soil conservation district to meet collectively and cooperatively their soil and water conservation and land use problems.

It is a landowner's organization, formed under an act of the 1939 Florida legislature. Participation is voluntary. The district has no taxing or bonding authority. However, the members, having elected a board of supervisors, are receiving assistance from the Department of Agriculture and have drawn plans for a surface water reservoir to raise the underground water level and thus aid groves and return to production those drained lands which have suffered from both fall and spring drouths.

These soil conservation districts, which now number 19 in Florida, provide "on the ground" assistance in planning and operation. County agents guide and assist landowners in the organization, while the soil conservation service assigns trained personnel to furnish technical assistance.

We commend the farsighted landowners who, through their cooperation with conservation programs, are increasing their production with less labor and less fertilizer, keeping their good land good and improving their poor land for future use. Their accomplishments can be duplicated throughout Florida provided interested landowners will plan, cooperate and work.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

Rackets and Soldiers' Families

THIS IS NOT a pleasant editorial but we think that our readers should know that there are various rackets being practiced on unsuspecting members of soldiers' families. Fortunately, Federal officials are aware of the fact and are taking steps to stop it.

Parents naturally want word of their boys who are prisoners of war. Racketeers listen in on enemy short-wave broadcasts and jot down names of prisoners read over Berlin radios. They then call on relatives of these men and offer to repeat the message

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Westerner Operates Large Florida Ranch...

By JIMMY BURNS
Miami Herald Staff Writer

It was surprising to discover that one of the largest ranches in the heart of Florida's cattle country is operated by a former Westerner, Tom C. Montgomery of Arcadia, who is as enthusiastic as any native over this State's future in steak and roast production.

Montgomery is no novice. He acquired his experience in the operation of ranches in Wyoming and South Dakota, and in 1936 he and his brother, Jim, who died two years ago, came to Florida.

The Montgomery ranch which covers approximately 50,000 acres is operated in modern fashion and the Westerner has been accepted by the natives. They like the way he has accepted their advice on local conditions and they have copied some of his tactics.

We expressed amazement over an item on a local restaurant menu—"western T-bone steak"—and Montgomery laughingly explained:

"They probably meant west of the Kissimmee River."

However, he and others agreed that people have become prejudiced against native beef. Montgomery also admitted that range-fed cattle probably do not produce choice cuts.

"But I'm satisfied just to raise good beef at low costs," he explained. "There's money in it and others can produce better quality meat at higher costs."

Montgomery explained that he shifted his activities here because:

Cattle can graze the year round on pasture grass.

There is no danger of droughts which often force Western ranchers to sell off their herds, or meet the terrific expense necessary to water and feed their cattle.

The winters are not severe.

"There are fewer hazards to cattle raising in Florida than in any section of the country," Montgomery declared. "I think that we can even compete with Argentina in low production beef costs."

Montgomery along with others is going in for improved pasturage and airplanes have been used in sowing grass seeds after the thousands of

acres have been disced. The planes fly hedge-hop fashion just as they do in dusting vegetable crops.

There are three important factors in producing good sizzling steaks and appetizing roasts, Montgomery says. He lists them as good cattle, proper aging of the meat, from one to two weeks in a cooler, and then most important of all—cooking the meat properly.

Montgomery goes in for the Brahma strains and right now he is experimenting with the Santa Gertrudis, a breed developed by the King ranch of Texas. They are the result of breeding Brahmas and shorthorns, $\frac{5}{8}$ of the former and $\frac{3}{8}$ of the latter. They are hardy, grow fast, stand the subtropical climate well and are not as subject to diseases as other breeds.

SMOKES, DRINKS AND BETS

The State of Florida collected, in the past fiscal year, more than \$20,000,000 from three sources of revenue.

The cigarette tax, estimated to produce \$3,500,000, brought in \$5,900,000. Liquor taxes contributed \$8,425,000. The race tracks kicked in \$6,000,000.

Smoking, drinking and gambling have proved profitable habits—to the State government.

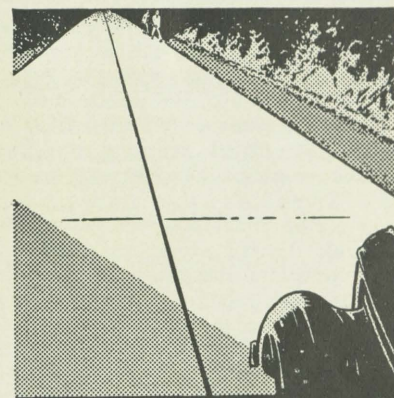
Mentioning the unprecedented flow of revenue from these sources into the State treasury, the Miami Herald sounds a note of caution: "A wise and farsighted legislature should sternly turn its face away from a spending spree when it meets next spring. Every penny should be hoarded against the day of reconversion of our economy from war to peace. Without a surplus to cushion post-war impact, the State may find itself in financial straits at a time when a lack of money would be tragic."

Governor Holland has given assurance that every provision has been made for post-war requirements. As long as he is governor, he will guard against any waste of public funds. His successor is of like mind. The State's financial prosperity will, we are confident, be utilized for the greatest good for the most people.—Tampa Morning Tribune.

FSCW GROWING

Dr. Doak S. Campbell, president of Florida State College for Women has promised that the institution will become the Nation's largest State-supported college for women if the State will provide much-needed funds for additional facilities as soon after the war as materials for a construction program become available. He estimates that within 10 years the enrollment could reach 5,000.—Lakeland Ledger.

Germans introduced flame-throwers in 1915, according to the War Department.



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Extending The Highway Patrol

No agency of the Florida State government is functioning with greater effectiveness than is the State Highway Patrol but it is hoped that the time is not distant when extension of the patrol will become possible.

The agency is hampered at present by the manpower shortage. It has lost many men to military service and to war production plants. Therefore, the patrol cannot now render the extensive service it was established to render. But as the State makes post-war plans, the plans should include extension of the patrol back to its prewar strength and beyond.

The patrol is a bright credit to Florida and an invaluable aid to motorists. The patrolmen have won the respect and confidence of the public because they have demonstrated that they are not simply officers roaming the highways to make as many arrests as possible. They make the highways safer by arresting motorists who are guilty of drunk driving, reckless driving or other violations dangerous to the public. But the patrolmen do more than that. They are on the alert to render courteous service to the public generally and to motorists in trouble.

The patrol's three-way radio-telephone system is especially valuable. It makes possible conversations from car to station, from car to car and from station to station. At present, the system is operated on a part-time basis only. It is operated throughout most of each day but stops before midnight. The time should be extended from the present signing-off period until about 4 a. m., for it is during that time that some of the most dangerous motorists are on the highways. It is during that time also that the system is needed to broadcast information about stolen automobiles.

Extension of the time would call for more operators and more patrolmen but the additional service would be highly justified.

Lakeland's junior Chamber of Commerce has become interested in the extension and other patrol features, and it is probable that a resolution urging the extension will be adopted by the Jaycees at their forthcoming meeting of committees in Jacksonville.

Ever since the patrol was organized, the Ledger has hailed it as one of the most progressive steps taken by the State. We hope that at some time during the months just ahead it will become possible for the State to extend the radio-telephone time and otherwise expand the patrol—Lakeland Ledger.

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Changes In Uniform Vehicle Code Recommended

The committee on uniform traffic laws recently recommended eight major changes in the uniform vehicle code and the model municipal ordinance. They are:

1. Prohibit traffic control devices on State highways in cities unless approved by the State Highway Department.

2. Revise hand signals to emphasize position of vehicles and actions of drivers when turning or stopping.

3. Require statement of gross weight of trucks when applying for registration and certificate of title.

4. Authorize State Highway Departments to regulate parking on freeways.

5. Prohibit angle parking on State and Federal highways.

6. Define "intersection" so that crossing with divided highway is considered two intersections.

7. Strengthen local pedestrian regulations.

8. Permit legal use of chemical test to determine intoxication.

The proposals will be referred to organizations composing the national conference on street and highway safety.

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MAP ORANGE BLOSSOM

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Blossom Trail from Ocala to Lake Placid.

The session marked the resumption of association activities following a three-year let-down during the stress of war. President A. C. (Andy) Slaughter of Orlando, led the discussions and the association membership backed up five-point program of preparedness and agreed to the expenditure of \$2,500 more per year than ever has been spent in the ten-year history of the organization's efforts.

President Slaughter opened the meeting with an outline of a program that involved the immediate preparation of a comprehensive advertising schedule, the promotion of highways in central Florida and the appointment of special committees on advertising, legislation, finances, fellowship, highway promotion and aviation.

C. Fred Ward and Jack Townsend of the State Road Department responded to invitations to outline progress that can be expected in the improvement of various highways in which members of the Orange Blossom Trail Association are interested.

Ward said that start of work on the Gainesville-Ocala section of the trail could reasonably be expected within the coming thirty days. He spoke of the accumulation of funds for post-war construction in the State and estimated that when work can go forward on new construction there should be at least 20 million dollars available to the State Road Department.

Townsend stated that although definite information was not available at the moment, encouraging reports had been received on the possibility of an early start on Route 19 in Highlands County. Townsend called on the membership of the association to do all in their power to prevent further diversion of the 4-cent gas tax to any other purpose than the construction of highways.

Slaughter recommended:

(1)—That an advertising and publicity committee of five members from various communities be appointed to draw up plans and map out a campaign of different types of advertising, to be submitted at a future meeting for approval.

(2)—A finance committee of three members to work out ways and means of raising money for budgeted items.

(3)—A legislation committee of three members to assist in formulating legislation helpful to our and any other like organizations, and to discourage harmful legislation, always working

and keeping in mind the welfare of Florida as a whole.

(4)—A fellowship committee of three members to create good will and a friendly feeling between all highway organizations.

(5)—Highway promotion committee of five members consisting of your officers and two additional.

The president's report was reviewed

section by section and was unanimously endorsed in that order.

Three committees were appointed immediately, as follows:

Advertising—Dick Pope, Winter Haven, chairman; Peter Schaal, Silver Springs; O. K. Holmes, Lake City; C. C. Wilkes, Avon Park.

Legislation—Charles Lanier, Avon Park, chairman; Payne Sebring, Se-

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It was the advertising committee which went into action at once and, at the conclusion of the banquet at Pinecrest Lodge the same evening, announced through Chairman Dick Pope a plan to get central Florida promotion into action without delay. The committee was authorized to proceed with its plans on the basis of \$7,500, and if \$2,500 more can be secured an enlarged program can be conducted.

Charles Lanier, president of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce was toastmaster at the banquet in the evening, and the following day he personally escorted a group of the visitors to Avon Park Bombing Range, where they were the guests of the commanding officer and his staff.

"The enthusiasm demonstrated at the first meeting of the Orange Blossom Trail Association following its wartime recess has been most encouraging," President Andy Slaughter remarked. "All of central Florida cannot help but derive great benefit from the plans that have already been started."

Among the guests who registered for the meeting were:

Haines City—Judge R. T. Dewell, John Spencer.

Ocala—Peter Schaal, W. M. (Shorty) Davidson.

Gainesville—Sam Harn, H. R. Stringfellow.

Orlando—Buell G. Duncan, Lloyd Gahr, A. C. Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Field, Miss Elizabeth Noble, Miss Carol Noble.

Winter Haven—State Senator Harry E. King, Dick Pope.

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Winter Park—Fred Ward.

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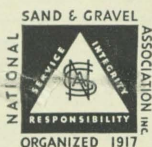
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George Sound to the dense, impenetrable titi jungle that is characteristic of this region. Surveyors, however, boast a world's record in mapping the territory. Working under veritable jungle conditions, the area was surveyed in 21 days to accurately map the 178 privately owned tracts of land into which the 165,000 acres were divided. Of these, 155,000 acres were leased, the rest purchased.

Rivalling the surveying time, contractors under the direction of the Army Engineer Corps set another record in preparing the reservation for soldier occupancy. Clearing the land presented the most difficult problem. Machetes and bush axes began carving into the thick wall of titi trees on July 8, 1942. Building was started on July

23, 1942 and contracts were fulfilled in less than 60 days. Money spent on the camp totals approximately \$10,000,000.

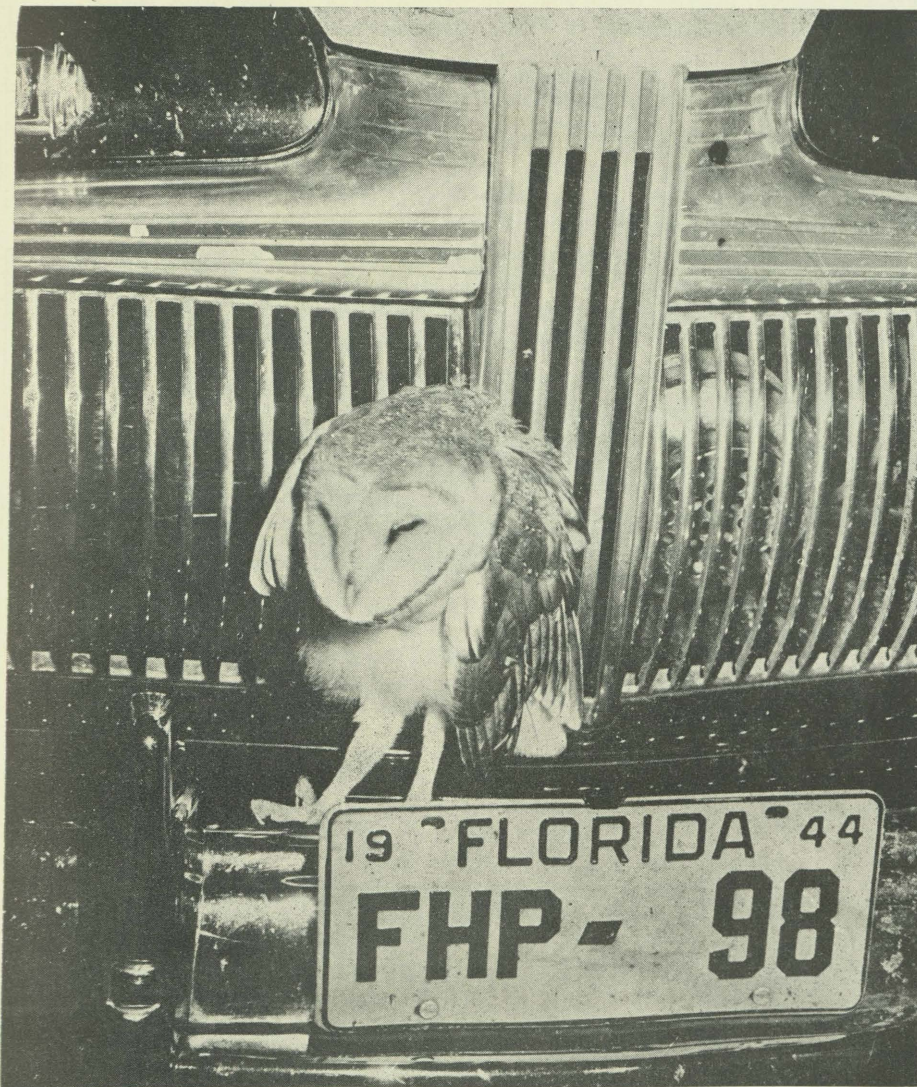
Spaced along the Gulf Coast are separate areas for three combat teams, the hospital and headquarters areas, the engineer camp near Lanark and the boat yard in Carrabelle.

Much of the inland territory was left uncleared for training purposes although trails have been cut several miles back in the woods. The cantonments of the camp are of light, wood construction with prefabrication used to a maximum. Army engineers gave two reasons for this type of building: the demand for speed in construction and the plan that troops at Camp Gordon Johnston live under conditions similar to those they will find at the battle lines.

Originally titled Headquarters Amphibious Training Command Military Reservation, the camp was activated on September 10, 1942, under the command of Col. Walter E. Smith. After its activation it was temporarily renamed Camp Carrabelle.

The first troops arrived on September 8, 1942. Temporary headquarters were set up at Lanark Inn, on the Gulf near Carrabelle, a hostelry well known to Gulf anglers. When build-

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Hitchhiking a ride on the front bumper of Road Patrolman C. W. Keith's car this barn owl clung tenaciously to his perch behind the license plate and rode into Bartow from a point somewhere between Pierce and Mulberry, where he came aboard. Unaware of their passenger, Patrolman Keith and his passengers, "Slim" Sinor of the military police and Police Chief Buster Clements of Mulberry, were puzzled as to why their car was attracting so much attention, until they discovered the bird on reaching Bartow.

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ings were completed, staff offices were moved three miles east to the permanent camp headquarters.

Like Camp Edwards, Mass., its mother camp, Camp Gordon Johnston permitted little publicity during its early months—for reasons that were subsequently proved sound in the invasions of North Africa and the Aleutians. During the early spring of 1943, however, the veil of secrecy was lifted by the War Department and amphibious warfare and its unique training techniques became breakfast conversation to the Nation after training scenes and stories were spread by newspaper services and news reels. The H. G. Wells contrivances such as seagoing jeeps, landing barges and tank lighters soon became as familiar a convoy on U. S. rails and highways as artillery pieces.

This was also among the first camps to release descriptions of tactical training under actual machine gun fire, water combat tactics and large scale beach-assault maneuvers.

Camp Gordon Johnston has been a testing ground for the blueprints of battle which have been in the hands of many a U. S. general at the start of his campaign and will be on the field orders in the larger invasions now underway in France.

PEACE OFFICERS LOOK

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the tide and return the government, as far as possible, to the smallest political unit. If we are to do that we must have the wholehearted, intelligent support of the people in those units, together with the support of their officials.

"It is up to the people to elect or appoint competent officers and to come to the governor only in some pressing emergency, or after they have exhausted every resource open to them under the constitution. When such a showing is made it should, in my opinion, be presented as a petition of the general citizenship.

"The governor of a State should not be burdened with the petty bickerings of rival factions, as would be the case if he should indiscriminately grant hearings to political opponents of the incumbent officer. It is my thought that the governor should hear only those complaints that are presented by representatives of a broad cross-section of the citizenship and that are based on emergency considerations or a showing of real necessity.

"In outlining these views, I am confident that no one will twist my remarks to make it appear that I feel that the governor should give carte blanche to any law enforcement officer who may be inclined to wink at violation of the laws. It is my firm conviction that the people of Florida insist on security against lawlessness, and unless the people get the service

they demand, you and the governor will be held responsible."

Mr. Caldwell closed his address with the statement that he would ignore political factionalism in dealing with public questions and an expression of his desire to have the friendship and cooperation of the peace officers of Florida, as well as all other officials and the people generally "in the business of giving Florida the best government within our power."

Referring to the peace officers as "soldiers of peace," Senator Pepper said the presence of FBI representatives at the banquet, along with State, county and municipal law enforcement officers indicates the kind of cooperation that ought to exist between them.

"You have done your job magnificently well and the Nation's thanks go out to its peace officers for their aid in protecting the country against sabotage and other forms of wartime crime.

"But the one great problem we have not yet solved is how to make the world safe against international gang-

sterism. That is what we are working on now. I know the fathers and mothers of America demand that our efforts be carried to a successful end and that the world be provided with an international peace officer to restrain international brigands."

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Predicting that the end of the war is not far off, Senator Pepper asserted that "we cannot longer delay setting up whatever international organizations may be necessary to give the world law and order.

"During the next few years the citizens of this country are going to have to take the lead in pushing this demand," he added. "Unless they do the forces which are opposing it may have their way."

Supt. L. F. Chapman of the State Prison Farm acted as toastmaster at the banquet, which was attended by nearly 400 persons.

Gov. Spessard Holland was unable to accept an invitation to address the peace officers but three members of the cabinet participated in the program.

Attorney General J. Tom Watson delivered a stinging attack on collective bargaining as applied to government employees.

"It is a splendid thing in the field of labor but has absolutely no place in the field of government," he asserted. "In government service the principle of collective bargaining is not practical, it is not democratic and it is not American. The public service is not something that can be dictated to or dominated by any particular group."

Asserting that "collective bargaining for the purpose of exercise of group control is wrong" in any field, the attorney general announced his intention "to do all I can to protect the rights of the laboring man along with everyone else from those within the ranks of organized labor who are pursuing methods that will ultimately destroy it."

State Treasurer J. Ed Larson made two appearances before the convention. Speaking in his capacity as custodian of the Police Officers Insurance and Annuity Fund, he recommended appointment of a committee to propose amendments to the State law that would make the fund actuarially sound. The treasurer also advised that consideration be given to investment of the fund in War Bonds.

His second talk dealt principally with the financial condition of the State, which Mr. Larson said had \$90,000,000 on hand at the close of business July 30. The State government, Mr. Larson said, will be in a position to institute post-war projects costing millions of dollars.

Speaking briefly, Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo congratulated the peace officers of Florida on "doing a fine job."

In delivering the president's annual message at the opening session of the convention, Col. Robert W. Milburn of West Palm Beach, asserted that peace officers are no longer content to confine themselves to the apprehension and prosecution of criminals. They now concern themselves also with problems of crime prevention, he said.

"The only sure way to prevent crime is to prevent criminals developing," he continued. "To do that we must start with the child. And the task of curbing juvenile delinquency is one which demands the cooperation of all community resources, including the schools, churches, service clubs and the public generally."

Declaring that traffic control is one of the most exacting phases of present-day police work, Col. Milburn said it has helped create a demand for a higher type of peace officers.

"Today most of our police officers are carefully trained and they have as good a background as the members of any other profession," he asserted.

Strongly advocating close cooperation with the prison and parole authorities as well as with all State and Federal law enforcement agencies, the president said the best way for peace officers to get the support of the public is to deserve it.

Predicting that the post-war period will bring problems only secondary to those of the war crisis itself, Major Gen. Albert H. Blanding of the State Defense Council called on the officers to be prepared to meet any emergencies that may arise.

Praising the services rendered by auxiliary police in Florida, General Blanding urged their maintenance after the war.

"None of us can know when a crisis will occur and the more help you have available the better off you will be should one arise in your community," he said. "Although we may look with confidence for an early end of the war it will be some time before all of your men now serving with the armed

forces will be able to return to their police duties.

"Meanwhile you should continue to make use of the auxiliaries. They are doing good work and will continue to be of value even after the State Defense Council is discontinued, as it will be sooner or later."

General Blanding also advised the peace officers to make use of the training courses provided jointly by the Extension Division, University of Florida, the Florida Peace Officers Asso-

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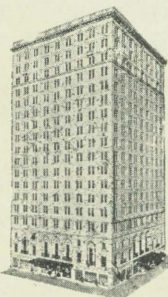
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ciation and the State Defense Council.

In a forum discussion that followed General Blanding's talk, a number of police chiefs joined in lauding the work of the auxiliaries and testifying to the value of the police training course. Among those who spoke in this vein were Inspector Horace S. Redman, Miami; Chief Roy Hudson, Lakeland; Chief W. D. Joiner, Gainesville; Chief T. N. Johnson, Daytona Beach; Capt. James Green of the Lakeland Auxiliary; Capt. Ed Hoppe of the Miami Auxiliary and James Barney, chief of the Dade County Auxiliary Police Force. Capt. Barney, who is department chairman of the American Legion civilian defense committee urged that more Legionnaires be enlisted as auxiliary policemen.

One of the convention highlights was an address on venereal disease control by Michael F. Morrissey of Indianapolis, president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, who is now working with the civil protection division of the Office of Civilian Defense.

Admitting that like many other law enforcement officials he had to be "sold" on the merits of closing houses of prostitution, Chief Morrissey said he no longer entertains any doubt as to the wisdom of this policy.

"Studies undertaken by the civil protection division reveal that only eight percent of the venereal infections among our servicemen are traceable to professional prostitutes. Responsibility for the other 92 percent of infection lies with friends of servicemen and the 'pick-up girl,' and don't let us call her the 'victory girl' for she certainly is doing nothing to bring about victory.

"Wherever control of commercialized prostitution has been made effective the venereal disease rate has gone down. So our real problem is the promiscuous girl. We also know that the most popular places of procurement are the taverns, beer joints, hotels, auto courts, bus stations and railroad stations.

"To make any progress of importance in the suppression of this evil we must have solid community backing. I am convinced our law enforcement officers will continue to carry out their part of the social protection program but they cannot do the job alone."

President Morrissey closed his talk with an invitation to all Florida peace officers to attend the annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Cleveland, O., Aug. 14-16.

Director J. Edgar Hoover of the FBI was represented at the convention by Inspector Maurice W. Acers of Washington, who expressed the bureau's appreciation for the assistance rendered it by Florida peace officers.

"Whether there will be a post-war crime wave nobody knows" he admitted, "but it is essential that law enforcement agencies be prepared to cope with one if it comes. Their personnel cannot be prepared without proper training, because scientific developments of recent years have created entirely new problems of law enforcement and additional ones are continually being added. This training, however, should be carried out on a local basis because each community has its own individual problems."

Regarding juvenile delinquency, Mr. Acers said the job of law enforcement officers is to curb it at its source. He mentioned increased crime among women as one of the difficult situations which face law enforcement agencies today and said the average age of lawbreakers is now lower than ever before.

Care in the selection and training of personnel, continued application of science, adequate wages for peace officers and cooperation with other agencies were listed by Inspector Acers as essentials "in the new era from the standpoint of public security which we must prepare to meet."

Establishment of a State Bureau of

Investigation, with branches at strategic locations throughout Florida, easily available to every community was advocated by Circuit Judge George E. Holt of Miami, in an address to the convention.

Pointing out that it is the duty of the State and not municipalities to prosecute persons charged with violation of State laws, Judge Holt said

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he could not understand why many Florida municipalities maintain expensive criminal investigation laboratories.

"It frequently happens in this State that criminals are acquitted by juries for no other reason than that there has been no coordination in the collection of evidence against them. With the services of a State Bureau of Investigation available to every community fewer miscarriages of justice would occur, in my opinion, because representatives of the State would then take charge of the investigation and prosecution of the major crimes. Every community would have the use of modern crime detection equipment and the services of trained investigators."

Speaking on the subject "Legal Handcuffs," Municipal Judge Seldon F. Waldo of Gainesville, pointed out some of the quirks of Florida law which he said should be corrected for the protection of peace officers.

The law defining resisting arrest does not apply to municipal police officers, he said, and added that there is serious doubt whether a police officer can legally serve a State warrant.

Under Florida law, Judge Waldo explained it is the duty of peace officers to evict tenants at the request of landlords, while another law makes them liable to a suit for damages if they do. Furthermore an officer who causes an eviction under the Florida statute would probably be guilty of violating OPA regulations, he said.

Judge Waldo went on to point out that a municipal court has no authority to issue a search warrant on Sunday. Furthermore, he added, Florida peace officers are not permitted to serve a legal process on Sunday, without obtaining an affidavit from two reputable citizens that the person sought to be served is otherwise likely to escape service. He also called attention to the legal provisions which make an officer who voluntarily allows a prisoner to escape from his custody, subject to the same penalty as had been imposed on the prisoner or to which he would have been liable if not yet tried.

"Careful safeguards have been provided for the protection of our criminals and persons accused of crime but it is my opinion that something should be done about affording protection to officers of the law," he asserted.

Another situation that needs correction, according to Judge Waldo is the lack of legal authority for holding suspects in jail for investigation. This is always a dangerous thing for an officer to do, he warned.

Blame for people not behaving themselves rests largely with the public and not with the peace officers, the convention was told by Superintendent L. F. Chapman of the State Prison Farm. His experience at Raiford has convinced him, Mr. Chapman said, that a large proportion of law-breakers, including juvenile delinquents are made in the home.

Parents, he declared, could prevent a large percentage of our crime by teaching their children three things: Faith in the Deity, the habit of work and love of locality.

People who have learned these three things do not usually go wrong either in youth or in later life, the warden said.

That the illegal use of narcotics appears to be on the wane was revealed by Frank S. Castor, chief field deputy of the State Bureau of Narcotics.

Although the use of marijuana is responsible for many types of crimes, none of the rumors about its use by high school students in Florida have ever been proved to have any foundation, he disclosed.

Mr. Castor explained that the law permits physicians to dispense or prescribe narcotics for the purpose of relieving pain due to an incurable disease or to preserve life but they are not permitted to make such drugs available to addicts. He also pointed out that certain drugs used as sedatives may only be sold legally on a physician's certificate, although this law is frequently violated.

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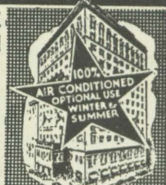
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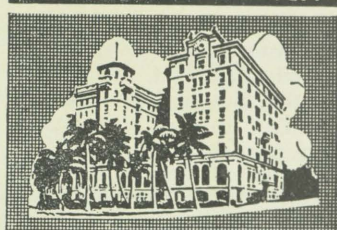


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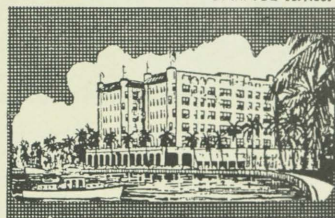
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sounded by Robert E. Nickels of the Florida Fire Marshal's Department. A decrease in the number of incendiary fires since the beginning of the war, he attributed to lessened unemployment and greater prosperity.

Most incendiary fires, he explained, fall into four classes: Those set in order to collect insurance, spite fires, fires started by pyromaniacs and those started to cover up other crimes.

One of the interesting features of the convention program was an illustrated lecture on venereal diseases by Dr. R. F. Sondag, director of the division of venereal disease control, Florida State Board of Health.

C. E. Wyatt, representing Elmer L. Irely, chief coordinator U. S. Treasury Department, gave an explanation of the duties of the various law enforcement groups under Treasury jurisdiction.

Vice Mayor Stanley Peeler and Police Chief Jack A. Thompson welcomed the convention and M. M. DesChamps, Wilmington, N. C., superintendent of police for the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, a life member, gave the response.

"The people of Florida have a brand of law enforcement second to none," Mr. Deschamps said, "and I attribute this to the fact that you have men of high caliber in key positions in your law enforcement agencies."

The peace officers probably got their biggest thrill of the convention on the first afternoon when they went to the West Palm Beach police department's pistol range to watch and take part in pistol matches and see a demonstration of fancy shooting by D. A. Bryce, special agent in charge of the El Paso, Texas, FBI office.

Mr. Bryce held the spectators spell-bound while he performed a series of almost unbelievable stunts with the pistol, rifle and riot gun. He also gave a demonstration of the quick draw and methods employed by FBI men in dealing with armed criminals intent on "shooting it out."

In the evening the visitors were guests of the West Palm Beach police department at a barbecue supper at the pistol range.

Pensacola was chosen as the place for holding the next convention at the closing session when the following officers were elected: Inspector Horace S. Redman, Miami, president; Chief William Lindsey, St. Augustine, first vice president; Chief J. C. Stone, Orlando, second vice president; Chief Jack A. Thompson, West Palm Beach, third vice president; John F. Thomas, Miami police department, secretary-treasurer.

Directors elected were: Capt. J. S. Siers, St. Petersburg; Chief W. D. Joiner, Gainesville; Police Court Clerk Byrd Sims, Pensacola; Capt. Stuart Senneff, State Road Patrol, Fort Lauderdale; Chief T. N. Johnson, Daytona Beach; Chief Richard A. Addison, Fort Lauderdale.

Elected to life membership in the association were: Col. Robert W. Milburn, West Palm Beach, retiring president; W. H. Robinton, Gainesville, retiring secretary; Sheriff D. C. Coleman, Dade County; A. G. Cushing, Marianna; John E. Montgomery, Jacksonville.

Among the resolutions adopted by the convention was one calling on the public to redouble its support of the war effort and pledging the assistance of the peace officers in any measures that will bring the war "to a quick and successful conclusion."

Other resolutions pledged continued support to civilian defense and expressed appreciation to the FBI for its cooperation with the peace officers; to the general extension division, University of Florida and the State De-

fense Council for their aid in providing training courses for peace officers; to the West Palm Beach police department for the entertainment provided for the convention and to the Hotel Pennsylvania, where the sessions were held.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to investigate the practicability of establishing a State-wide teletype system for the use of Florida law enforcement agencies.

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for a fee ranging anywhere from three dollars to one hundred. The same information can be had free of charge and more accurately from the foreign broadcast intelligence service of the FCC.

Racketeers have sold Bibles and other religious books with light steel covers by misrepresenting them as physical protection for the heart, according to Patricia Lochridge, an astute reporter for Woman's Home Companion. But such a book may cause a more serious wound; the Federal Trade Commission states that an ordinary rifle bullet becomes a virtual dum-dum upon striking an armored book.

Racketeers scan casualty lists and immediately write to next of kin claiming alleged debts incurred by the slain soldier. To quiet suspicion, only small amounts are demanded. But the wife of one merchant seaman wisely tipped off the FBI and the writer was caught.

Even the order of the Purple Heart was trapped into a fund-raising campaign which is now under Federal investigation. By exploiting the name of this famous group, sets of history books worth about \$50 were sold for as high as \$500. The money collected was supposed to be used to help wounded veterans. Actually the Purple Heart group got only \$60,000 of some \$650,000 collected.

So beware of any nonofficial request or offer concerning men or women in the armed forces. There are ghouls in this country who will batten on the misery and good nature of their fellow beings. — St. Petersburg Independent.

The Everglades

OIL HAS ALREADY been discovered in Florida and the well at Sunniland in the Everglades is supposedly running about 100 barrels a day. Some people, however, are worried about the possible effect that such drilling might have on the wildlife in that section of Florida and their fears are forcefully expressed in the current Collier's magazine as follows:

"According to conservationists, there is danger that oil may seep into Everglades streams and swamp areas. This seepage would be a deadly kind of pollution for the Everglades' wildlife inhabitants — herons, ibis, anhingas, bears, deer, white turkeys, wildcats, raccoons, and so on and so forth. The oil seepage would kill off all the fish that might come in contact with it. Another danger is that the oil wells, striking deep into subsurface sand and rock, will bring up brine which, if uncurbed, will run into these same Everglades streams and swamps.

"It appears that relatively simple and inexpensive dikes and small dams

will head off most if not all of this threatened damage, no matter how much oil may be found in Florida. Nation-wide public opinion, we think, should demand that State and national authorities cooperate to compel development of Everglades conservation measures in step with development of Florida oil resources. This great swamp is one of our invaluable and irreplaceable national assets. We owe it to ourselves to take the best possible care of it."

We are not geologists but we understand that while oil seepage is possible, brine seepage is unlikely.

Fortunately, Governor-elect Caldwell has promised a careful study of

the whole oil situation in the State and constant attention to its control.—St. Petersburg Independent.

Doggy

The sweet young thing had asked why soldiers are called dogfaces.

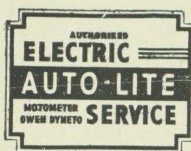
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Historical Data

THE UNIVERSITY OF Florida has undertaken a very practical preparation for the celebrating of Florida's 100th birthday next year. President John J. Tigert has assigned Rembert W. Patrick of the university staff to develop collection of State historical data. Such a collection, Dr. Tigert pointed out, will be of great value to students, State officials and others engaged in historical research. He stressed that it would be invaluable for the celebration of the anniversary of Florida's admission to the Union.

The Herald has urged on numerous occasions that the Miami Pioneers would do this county and community great service if the organization could gather first-hand information from this city's early settlers before they passed on. Their ranks are fast thinning. The occasion of the State's 100th anniversary would be a fitting time for such an effort.—Miami Herald.

Americans All

MAJOR GENERALS Charles Hunter Gerhardt and Clarence R. Heubner have been revealed as the brilliant leaders of the two American infantry divisions operating in Normandy.

Both have proper names of Germanic origin. So have many other ranking American officers, such as Eisenhower, Nimitz, Spaatz, Gruenther, Mitscher or Krueger. The nazi propaganda machine has sneered for weeks that the Americans had to get a German to lead an invasion force and this brought, perhaps, a certain cold comfort to German civilians.

But how ridiculous the nazi propaganda is! These men are not Germans—they are Americans, products of such great institutions as West Point and Annapolis. They are as American as an ice cream cone, or baseball, or Ginger Rogers. They are American because they have been raised and conditioned in America, because they have embraced American ideals, and because they have accepted the American way of life.—St. Petersburg Independent.

Star Gazing

METEORS HAVE APPEARED lately in the summer sky, flaming across the heavens by night and arousing

wonder and fear among many observers. In olden times, with great wars in progress, such sights would have been regarded as significant portents. Astrologers would have pored their mystical books, trying to find in them the answers to our present problems and future fate.

But few people take such things seriously now. Science has dissipated the magic, poetry and fear formerly attending such sights. The astrologers are gone, and in their place are astronomers, with scientific instruments rather than magic scrolls, who know where the comets come from and perhaps also where they are going. Also the stuff they are made of, and how much it weighs, and how long it will be until they are dissipated in space.

All in all, this is now a practical and scientific world. So much so that many people, with a little imagination, poetry and mystery still left in them, regret the hard-headed materialism they see all around. But there are still plenty of mysteries to be solved, for those who know where to look for them.—Sanford Herald.

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an end to such displays (male and female) except at the beach itself. Beauty unadorned will soon be out for street-strolling purposes. Which is saddening in a way to those who excused the semi-nudity with a glib citing of "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

But what a relief it will be to see some of the less graceful shapes of both sexes hidden from sight!—Miami Herald.

Traffic Accidents and State Auto Use Cut

Two reports by State departments in Tallahassee deserve commendation. One is by the State Highway Patrol showing a reduction in traffic deaths and the other is by the State mileage director reporting a reduction in the use of State-owned automobiles. According to the former, there were 23 fatal accidents on the highways and city streets of Florida during June, the lowest figure for any month this year. In the report of the mileage director there is a reduction of 42 percent.

Significant of the two reports is the apparent public interest behind them. Twenty-three deaths on Florida highways and streets in a month is an extremely low figure; and it indicates clearly that the safety campaigns of the State, plus a public determination to be safe rather than be sorry are having their effects. The reduction in the use of State-owned automobiles is an indication of how to public opinion for full conservation of cars, tires, gasoline and equipment during the war. The reduction here of 42 percent is commendable and impressive. It is to be regarded as further so when actual mileage figures are considered. These show that motor vehicles used by State departments and agencies traveled 5,868,756 miles in the first three months of this year, compared with 10,165,766 miles in the same quarter of 1941, the last year before war curtailments were demanded.

Any reports which show effectiveness of safety campaigns or moves to curtail needless, wasteful driving at public expense, war or any other time, are encouraging.—Tampa Times.

Site Sought For Palmetto Factory in Palm City

Ten acres for a factory site at Palm City Farms was requested by A. H. White, company representative of Lakeland, and his attorney, B. G. Williams, who appeared before the Martin County commissioners requesting a 10-year lease on 10 acres of land east of Palmetto drive to the river. A tentative lease was drawn up, subject to approval of the attorneys of both parties.

Factory plans, as outlined, call for a plant for converting Florida palmettes into the many products which

scientists are now advocating—tannic acid, extracted from the roots and other medicinal properties and cork, hemp, scrub brushes, etc., from the fronds and stalks. The factory representatives stated that sugar and alcohol are also being made from the scrub palms and that they hope to expand their project as rapidly as possible.

United States production of magnesium metal reached a new high in 1943 with an estimated output of 370,000,000 pounds, according to the Department of the Interior.

Tallahassee Construction

Immediate construction of 95 new housing units for Tallahassee has been authorized by M. M. Parris, State director of the Federal Housing Administration. The houses and apartments will be scattered in present residential sections, and may not cost more than a dwelling that retails for \$6,000. They will be rented or sold only to essential civilian war workers who have come to Tallahassee since July 1, 1941.

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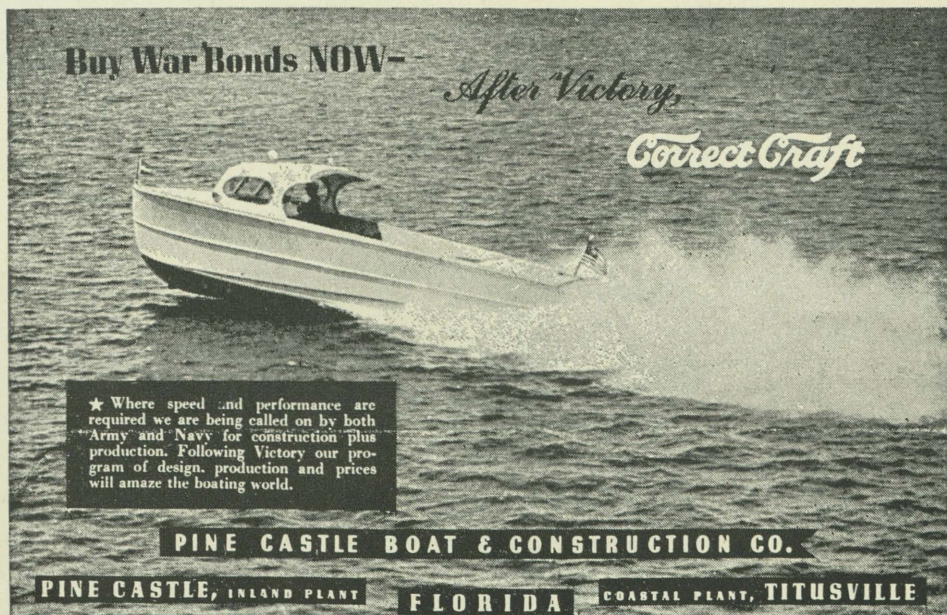
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According to agreement at the close of the last meeting, the Members of the State Road Department held a regular meeting on the 24th day of July, 1944, at Gainesville, with the following attendance:

Thos. A. Johnson, Chairman; Jack F. Townsend, James R. Stockton, O. G. Lindsey, C. Fred Ward, Members; H. H. Baskin, Secretary; L. A. Fraleigh, Jr., Assistant Secretary; J. H. Dowling, State Highway Engineer; L. K. Cannon, Asst. Highway Engineer; N. L. Bryan, Federal Aid Engineer; E. S. Fraser, Bridge Engineer; W. M. Parker, Engineer Research and Records; C. J. DeCamps, Engineer Right of Way; J. W. Allen, J. R. Slade, H. H. McCallum, N. S. Emory, P. L. Hoskins, Division Engineers; T. M. Shackelford, Jr., Attorney; Pat Shannon, T. Paine Kelley, Assistant Attorneys; R. J. Waterston, Jr., Auditor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the minutes of the meeting of June 19 were approved.

APPROVAL OF MEMBERS' EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following expense accounts of the Members were approved:

Johnson, 6-21 to 6-27	\$12.00
Johnson, 4-30 to 6-14	64.25
Stockton, 6-14 to 6-19	18.47
Lindsey, 6-5 to 6-27	31.25
Ward, 6-10 to 6-22	62.25

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AWARDED SINCE LAST MEETING

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Ward, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, pursuant to due advertisement, the Department did on certain dates, as hereinafter indicated, receive bids for the construction of certain projects and for the furnishing of certain materials, as herein-after listed; and

WHEREAS, the firms hereinafter named were and are hereby declared to be the lowest responsible bidders therefor,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the action of the Chairman in awarding the contracts hereinafter listed be and the same is hereby approved, which said contracts are as follows: to-wit:

Construction

Bids received May 25

DA-NC 35-A(1), 617, Seminole, Brinson Const. Co., \$9,863.25.

Bids received June 6

SN-FAS 77(1), 17, Hillsborough-Pinellas, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$423,454.56.

Bids received June 27

1006-106 etc., 23-17, Hillsborough, W. H. Armston Co., Inc., \$87,403.13.

9310-108, 25, Palm Beach, Brinson Const. Co., \$197,574.74.

3708-102, 112, Suwannee, Ryan Construction Co., \$9,611.70.

1601-104 etc., 17-2-34, Polk, Nolan-Dickerson Const. Co., \$31,194.00.

0804-103, 15, Hernando, Marion Contr. Co., \$11,561.41.

Bids received July 18

0903-105 & 1617-103, 8, Highlands-Polk, Marion Contr. Co., \$98,387.39.

4802-104 etc., 1-54-37, Escambia-Okaloosa & Santa Rosa, Smith Engr. & Const., Co., \$93,773.77.

5001-105 etc., 1, 277, 90 & 52, Gadsden-Washington, Coggin & Deermont, \$81,592.04.

Materials

Bids received June 26

Guard Rail, National Traffic Guard Co., \$6,414.40.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following Supplemental Agree-

ments were approved:

DA-WR-20(1), 22 Access, Orange, Brinson Constr. Co., \$720.00 Increase.

DA-WR-20(1), 22 Access, Orange, Brinson Constr. Co., \$3,162.50 Increase.

AN-FA 196-D(1), 204 FA, Duval, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$500.00 Increase.

AN-FA 196-D(1), 204 FA, Duval, L. J. & W. L. Cobb, Inc., \$610.79 Decrease.

CANCELLATION OF SURETY BOND FOR LOGGING ROAD

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company is hereby released and discharged from each and every of its obligations to the State Road Department under that certain surety bond executed by Fred W. Perry, as principal, and said corporation, as surety, to this Department, as Oblige, dated the 24th day of March, A. D., 1943, in the penal sum of \$500.00, conditioned to secure the performance of a certain contract dated the 24th day of March, A. D. 1943, between the said Fred W. Perry and this Department concerning the crossing of State Road No. 4, Project 48-A, St. Johns County, by logging railroad track at grade, and said surety bond is hereby terminated and canceled.

DELEGATES AND REQUESTS

Alachua County

Senator W. A. Shands, in behalf of Alachua County and the City of Gainesville, extended to the Board and others in attendance upon the meeting, a welcome and a word of appreciation for holding the meeting in the City of Gainesville. At the same time he extended to the Members, Officials and employees of the Department an invitation to attend a fish fry following adjournment of the meeting in the afternoon.

Others from Alachua County were P. C. Keeter, Chairman of the Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Sam Harn, Secretary, and Thos. D. Roland, H. R. Stringfellow and A. L. Combs, all representing the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Keeter requested that something be done as soon as possible on State Road No. 2, U. S. 441, from High Springs to the Marion County line. He called attention to the narrow and rough pavement on this section. He also asked that Road 14 from Gainesville west to Newberry be regraded, as the present grade is in bad shape.

Mr. H. J. Morrison, former Senior Highway Engineer for Florida for the Public Roads Administration, appeared before the Board to pay his respects.

Broward County

Luther Remsberg and C. B. Smith, County Commissioners, appeared from Broward County.

Mr. Remsberg requested on behalf of the City of Ft. Lauderdale the construction of a bridge across the Inland Waterway on Las Olas Boulevard on State Road 177 connecting the Beach Road with State Road No. 4, to relieve the traffic bottleneck. He stated it would be necessary to move the channel, and was advised by the Board that a definite location of the channel by the War Department would be necessary before any survey can be made.

City of Daytona Beach

U. W. Cunningham, Mayor, and R. G. Bishop, City Commissioner, appeared to make the following requests:

(1) Atlantic Avenue Project from north city limits to Broadway, (St. Rd. 140).

(2) Ridgewood Avenue (U. S. No. 1, St. Rd. 4).

(3) Volusia Avenue from the canal into Beach Street, (St. Rd. 21).

Mr. Cunningham asked that the plans and

specifications on these projects be completed so the contracts may be let as soon as the emergency is over. He also thanked the Board for what has already been done on the DeLand-Daytona Beach Road. Mr. Bishop asked the Board to give consideration to the above requests.

Hendry County

The delegation from Hendry County included J. C. Davison, Chairman, and Asa Townsend, Member of the Board of County Commissioners. Mr. Henry Driggers, State Motor Vehicle Commissioner, joined the delegation to endorse their requests for improvement of Road 279 through Clewiston, described as the second most traveled road in Hendry County, and much needed to take care of the increasing travel due to the new developments at Clewiston. They filed a resolution from the County Commissioners.

Hillsborough County

Earl Simmons, County Commissioner, and Joe Merrin, County Attorney, appeared to pay their respects to the Board.

A resolution from the City Commission of the City of Plant City, asking that the State take over and recondition and maintain certain streets now being used as connecting links, was received and referred to the Board Member from that District for investigation and recommendation.

Orange County

Mr. Andy Slaughter, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Orlando, was present to extend to the Board an invitation to hold the September meeting in that city, and stated they would like very much for the Department to hold that meeting there.

SURPLUS GAS TAX FUNDS OF NASSAU COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that this Board approves transfer of approximately \$30,000.00 from the 80 percent Surplus Gas Tax Funds of Nassau County for the reconstruction of Sadler Road from Road 13 to Road 140, subject to the approval of the War Production Board, and upon the further condition that the County Commissioners of Nassau County pass a resolution setting forth that it is agreed that in consideration of this reconstruction work the County will assume full responsibility for the maintenance of the reconstructed road after the work is done and that the funds for this reconstruction are to be taken from the Surplus Gas Tax Funds of Nassau County now in the hands of the Department; resolution to also state that it is further understood and agreed to by the County that all of the funds of the Second Gas Tax Account, amounting to approximately \$29,000.00 and the balance of the 80 percent Surplus Gas Tax Funds will be used by the Department for the improvement of Roads 3 and 13.

EXPERIMENTAL ROADS

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, the Board approved the allocation of \$50,000.00 for 4,500 feet of experimental sections of limerock and cement on Road 2, and an additional \$10,000.00 for experimental work on the cheapest possible type of all weather road.

ROAD TO PORT TAMPA TERMINALS

On motion of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the Board approved the allocation of \$2,000.00 for the repair and maintenance of State Road No. 379 from State Road No. 545 to the Port Tampa Terminals.

RIGHT OF WAY FOR ROAD 2 IN MARION COUNTY

On motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Stockton, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Department will accept the present right of way on Road 2 between Lowell, in Marion County, to the Alachua County line, provided the County Commissioners of Marion County will furnish the extra right of way needed for proper revision of curves and grading down of hills.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

On motion of Mr. Stockton, seconded by Mr. Townsend, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Members of this Department and others attending this meeting have been the recipients of numerous courtesies and expressions of cordial hospitality during our stay in Gainesville, and have therefore greatly enjoyed this visit with its opportunity for better acquaintance and fellowship with the people of this community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we express and wish to record in the minutes of this meeting our sincere thanks to all who took part in the plans for our entertainment and comfort, with special recognition to Mr. Sam P. Harn, Secretary-Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, to Mr. P. C. Keeter, Chairman, and A. L. Combs, C. T. Thomas, Joe C. Jenkins and W. A. Shands, the other Members of the Highway Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, to Mr. C. C. Sparkman of Wado, owner of the camp where the delightful fish fry was held, to the Hotel Thomas and others.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this time, the Members agreed to hold the next meeting at Tallahassee, on August 28, and this meeting was adjourned.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AN INTERESTING PROCEDURE

After visiting a meeting of the board of county commissioners we have come to the conclusion that the requirements for inclusion in such a legislative body are pretty demanding. A man must not only have business ability and political acumen, but his brain must be peculiarly selective in that it can concentrate on a half dozen problems at one time, can direct a pencil to make notations on other matters, and provide auditory transmission for the report under discussion.

At 10 o'clock, Chairman F. L. Neville called the meeting to order, and by 10:05 this reporter had lost all track of the proceedings. As L. S. Remsberg explained later, the commissioners have their own method of operation which, to the layman, seem rather complex. Anyone wanting to find out just what happened at a meeting must

nab one of the board after adjournment and ask for information.

By their unique, informal procedure, the board manages to dispose of an enormous amount of work at every session. While Clerk Bennett reads reports, letters, requests and figures, stacks of papers, bills, forms move from man to man for his initials. At intervals Chairman Neville calls for the ayes and nays on various issues and debate is held to a minimum. There is seldom a split decision and business moves rapidly. S. C. Fox and J. B. Wiles occupy one side of the table, the former cool and deliberate, the latter calmly puffing a long cigar as he leafs through the stack of documents by his right hand. Across the table C. B. Smith, curious on every detail and L. S. Remsberg, quick, efficient, his pen hard at work.

In the background, H. C. Davis, county engineer, ready to answer questions, a reservoir of facts and figures. And beside Neville, John Morris, attorney for the board, considering all points from a legal standpoint.

The fan in the square, ugly room fights the mounting temperature, the papers move around the board, decisions are made, the meeting ends, and the well-oiled machinery of Broward County whirs along for another fortnight.—Pompano Sun.

In Los Angeles, a 16-ton Army tank tangled with a civilian sedan. Damage to the car: \$800. Damage to the tank: \$2.

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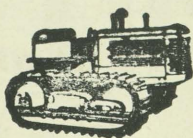
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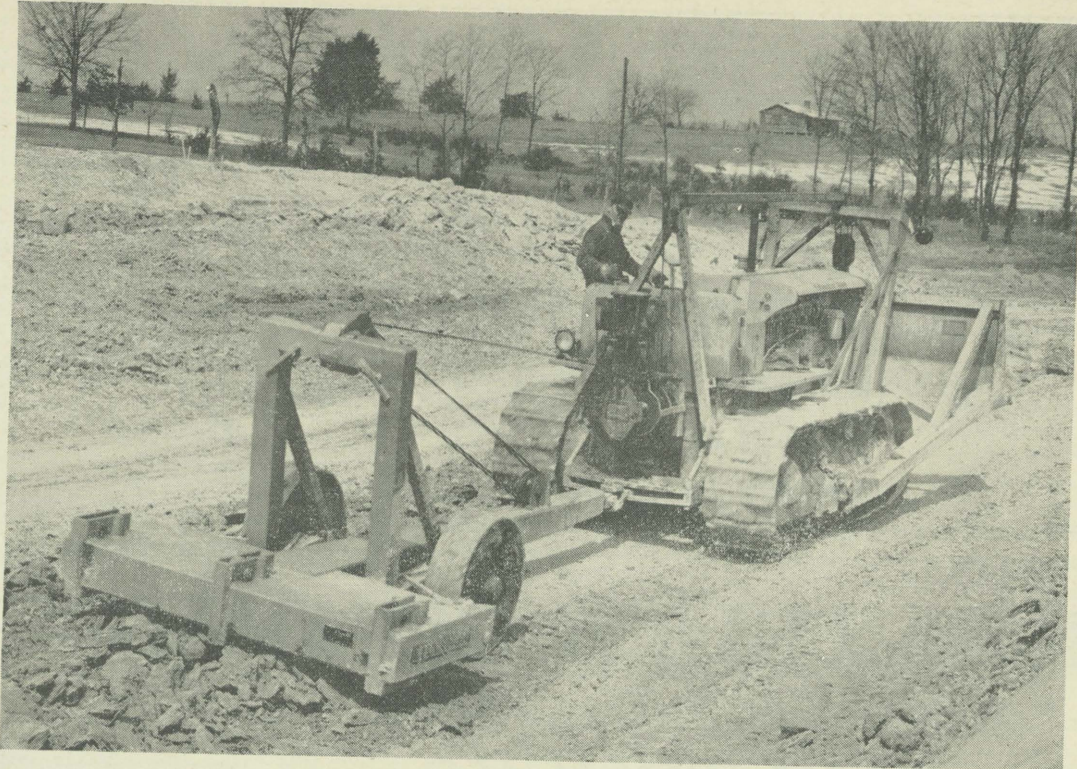
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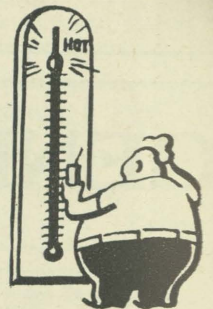


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